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1. SUMMARY--DOZ THOUGHT ECAC COULD AGREE AT LEAST

PERMIT US INDUSTRY OBSERVERS ATTEND FORMAL OPENING SESSION MARCH 14 TALKS, WITH REMAINDER OF DISCUSSION BEING IN CLOSED SESSION. RELEASE OF TRANSCRIPTS HITHERTO CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL POSED DELICATE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITHIN ECAC DEL, WHICH MEETS WASHINGTON MARCH 12. ECAC MIGHT HAVE RESPONSE THIS POINT BY MARCH 13. END SUMMARY.

2. WE DISCUSSED REFTTEL REQUEST MARCH 8 WITH DOZ (WHO DEPARTED NEXT DAY FOR MONTREAL ENROUTE WASHINGTON). HE SAID THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY PHONE LISBON TO APPRISE VERES, BUT IN THE MEANTIME COULD GIVE US SOME PRELIMINARY COMMENT.

3. DOZ SAID THAT POSSIBILITY US MIGHT REQUEST ATTENDANCE BY INDUSTRY OBSERVERS HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED AND HE HAD THEREFORE DISCUSSED THIS CONTINGENCY WITH VERES LAST WEEK. IT WAS AGREED THAT SINCE ONLY GOVTS WOULD BE REPRESENTED ON ECAC DEL, A US REQUEST FOR ITS INDUSTRY OBSERVERS TO ATTEND TALKS WOULD PLACE GOVT REPS ON ECAC DEL IN VERY DIFFICULT POSITION VIS-A-VIS THEIR OWN CARRIERS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS PRECEDENT DATING BACK TO 1971 TRILATERAL TALKS FOR HANDLING SITUATION SHOULD US INSIST ON PRESENCE INDUSTRY OBSERVERS, I.E., OBSERVERS WOULD BE PERMITTED ATTEND FORMAL OPENING SESSION AT WHICH EACH DEL WOULD MAKE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AFTER WHICH TALKS WOULD CONTINUE IN CLOSED SESSION FROM WHICH OBSERVERS WOULD BE EXCLUDED. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE THIS TIME ADOPT FORMULA WHEREBY INDUSTRY OBSERVERS WOULD BE PERMITTED SIT IN ON DISCUSSION OF SOME AGENDA ITEMS BUT NOT OTHERS, SINCE THERE WAS ONLY ONE ITEM ON AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 14 MEETING. VERES HAD THEREFORE CONCLUDED THAT IF US RAISED QUESTION OF PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS, ECAC POLICY SHOULD BE TO AGREE ONLY TO THEIR ATTENDANCE AT OPENING SESSION. DOZ INFORMED US THAT IF WASHINGTON COULD ACCEPT THIS FORMULA, THEN HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT QUESTION OF OBSERVERS' PRESENCE COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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4. DOZ SAID THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH A VERBATIM  
TRANSCRIPT BEING MADE OF THE MARCH 14 TALKS. THIS HAD  
BEEN THE PRACTICE IN THE PAST, WITH DELS STILL HAVING  
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POSSIBILITY OF KEEPING CERTAIN OF THEIR REMARKS "OFF

THE RECORD" AS DESIRED. HOWEVER, IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN ACCEPTED THAT THE VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. AS REGARDS THE REQUEST THAT THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MARCH 14 MEETING BE RELEASED AND INDEED BE PLACED IN CAB DOCKETS, DOZ SAID THAT THIS POSED QUESTIONS THAT WERE TOO DELICATE FOR VERES TO RESOLVE ON HIS OWN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ECAC DEL WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTED. PHAHIC RELEASE OF TRANSCRIPT WOULD BE VIOLATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS, SAID DOZ, WHO THEN OPINED THAT IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, PERHAPS THERE COULD BE ADVANTAGES TO PUBLIC RELEASE. IF THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONSTRUCTIVE, THEN PERHAPS A CONSENSUS MIGHT EMERGE AT THE END OF THE MEETING TO AGREE TO RELEASE OF THE TRANSCRIPT.

5. DOZ SAID THAT SINCE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF ECAC DEL WOULD BE COMMENCING THEIR TRAVEL OVER THE WEEKEND, FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR ECAC DEL TO FOCUS ON DEPT.'S REQUEST WOULD BE AT DEL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 12 IN WASHINGTON. SOME MEMBERS OF DEL MIGHT THEN HAVE TO CONSULT THEIR GOVTS. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS GOOD CHANCE, HOWEVER, ECAC POSITION COULD BE CONVEYED TO DEPT. BY MORNING OF MARCH 13.  
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